

# Linear Algebra: The Basics

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Let  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 15 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = (2 \ 6 \ 8)$ , and  $\mathbf{d} = (1, 15, 12)$ .

Calculate each of the following (indicate ones that cannot be done).

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2.  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c}$
3.  $\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{d}$
4.  $15\mathbf{c}$
5.  $\|\mathbf{b}\|$
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# Matrix algebra

- ▶ **Matrix:** A matrix is an array of  $m \times n$  real numbers arranged in  $m$  rows by  $n$  columns.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Note that you can think of vectors as special cases of matrices; a column vector of length  $k$  is a  $k \times 1$  matrix, while a row vector of the same length is a  $1 \times k$  matrix.
- ▶ We describe the above vector as an “m by n” matrix.

## Thinking about a matrix

- ▶ You can also think of larger matrices as being made up of a collection of *column vectors*. For example,

$$\mathbf{A} = \left( \mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{a}_m \right)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i = \begin{pmatrix} a_{i1} \\ a_{i2} \\ \dots \\ a_{im} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Alternatively, we can think of a matrix as a set of *row vectors*. For example,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\mathbf{b}_j = (b_{1j} \quad b_{2j} \quad \dots \quad b_{nj})$$

- It is also possible to partition the matrix into subsets of columns and rows or subsections of each. For example,

$$\mathbf{A}_{(4 \times 3)} = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ \hline a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{A}_{(3 \times 2)} & \mathbf{A}_{(3 \times 1)} \\ \mathbf{A}_{(1 \times 2)} & \mathbf{A}_{(1 \times 1)} \end{array} \right)$$

## Matrix Addition

- ▶ Let **A** and **B** be two  $m \times n$  matrices. Then

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} + b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & a_{m2} + b_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Example:

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$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 6 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Scalar Multiplication

- Given the scalar  $s$ , the scalar multiplication of  $s\mathbf{A}$  is

$$s\mathbf{A} = s \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} sa_{11} & sa_{12} & \cdots & sa_{1n} \\ sa_{21} & sa_{22} & \cdots & sa_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ sa_{m1} & sa_{m2} & \cdots & sa_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$



Example:

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$$s\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 8 & 10 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matrix Multiplication

- If **A** is an  $m \times k$  matrix and **B** is a  $k \times n$  matrix, then their product **C** = **AB** is the  $m \times n$  matrix where

$$c_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + a_{ik}b_{kj}$$

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$$2. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1(-2) + 2(4) - 1(2) & 1(5) + 2(-3) - 1(1) \\ 3(-2) + 1(4) + 4(2) & 3(5) + 1(-3) + 4(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 6 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## What does it all mean?

- ▶ Let's pause for a moment to think about why matrix multiplication works this way.
- ▶ The idea is to find ways to reduce large sets of equations into easy to handle objects.
- ▶ For instance, imagine we have a set of two linear equations with two variables. Each of these two equations represents a line (hence “linear”) in a two-dimensional space.

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 = 4 \tag{4}$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 = 5 \tag{5}$$

- ▶ We can re-write these equations as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underset{(2 \times 2)}{\mathbf{A}} \underset{(2 \times 1)}{\mathbf{x}} = \underset{(2 \times 1)}{\mathbf{b}}$$

- ▶ Now we can solve this system of equations for  $\mathbf{x}$  using matrix manipulation rather than solving the set of equations line by line.
- ▶ Solving line by line isn't so difficult with the toy examples in your book and in these notes. But even with reasonably sized datasets, dealing with data in anything but matrix form becomes increasingly difficult and computationally intensive.

## Laws of Matrix Algebra

1. Associative:

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C})$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$$

2. Commutative:

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}$$

3. Distributive:

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AC} + \mathbf{BC}$$

- ▶ Note that Commutative law for multiplication does not necessarily hold – the order of multiplication matters in many cases:

$$\mathbf{AB \neq BA}$$

Example:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## The Transpose

The transpose of the  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T$  (sometimes written  $\mathbf{A}'$ ) obtained by interchanging the rows and columns of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Examples:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}^T = (2 \quad -1 \quad 3)$$

## Rules for transposes

1.  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{A}^T + \mathbf{B}^T$
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3.  $(s\mathbf{A})^T = s\mathbf{A}^T$
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$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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5.  $\mathbf{B}^T - \mathbf{C}$

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7.  $(\mathbf{DA})^T$

8. **AD**

9. **CD**

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